

HOUSE BILL 856

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2010

Assigned to: Ways and Means

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

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Read second time: March 21, 2010

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Montgomery County Republican and Democratic Party**
3 **Central ~~Committee~~ Committees – Membership**

4 **MC 15–10**

5 FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law specifying the membership of
6 the Montgomery County Republican Party Central Committee; altering the
7 membership criteria for the Montgomery County Democratic Party Central
8 Committee; requiring certain Democratic Party Central Committee members to
9 be elected in a certain manner and limiting the number of members elected at
10 large that may reside in the same legislative district; making stylistic changes;
11 providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the
12 membership of the Montgomery County Republican and Democratic Party
13 Central ~~Committee~~ committees.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article – Election Law
16 Section 4–202(a)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2003 Volume and 2009 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
20 Article – Election Law
21 Section 4–203(f)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (2003 Volume and 2009 Supplement)

2 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
3 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

4 **Article – Election Law**

5 4–202.

6 (a) (1) A principal political party shall elect the members of the county
7 central committee at a primary election.

8 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section or § 4–203 of this
9 subtitle, the central committee for a county shall consist of the number of members
10 determined by the party’s constitution.

11 4–203.

12 (f) (1) ~~In Montgomery County:~~

13 ~~(i) the Republican Party Central Committee consists of 19~~
14 ~~members; and~~

15 ~~(ii); the Democratic Party Central Committee consists of 23~~
16 ~~members.]~~

17 ~~(2) For each of those two party central committees]~~ **ELECTED AS**
18 **FOLLOWS THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**

19 (i) two members are elected from each of the legislative
20 districts that lie wholly within Montgomery County;

21 (ii) one member is elected from the Montgomery County part of
22 each legislative district [which] **THAT** is partially within Montgomery County; and

23 (iii) ~~the remainder [shall be] ARE elected at large~~ **MEMBERS**
24 **SHALL BE ELECTED AT LARGE EQUAL TO THE NUMBER OF LEGISLATIVE**
25 **DISTRICTS THAT LIE WHOLLY WITHIN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, EXCEPT THAT**
26 **NOT MORE THAN TWO MEMBERS AT LARGE MAY RESIDE IN THE SAME**
27 **LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT.**

28 [(3)] **(2)** Any vacancy in a seat on [a party central committee] **THE**
29 **DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE** held initially by a member elected
30 from a legislative district shall be filled by a person residing in that district.

1 [(4)] (3) Any reference to the Democratic Party Central Committee
 2 for Montgomery County or any portion of it means the entire membership of the
 3 Montgomery County Democratic Party Central Committee, and in no event do the
 4 members of the Central Committee elected from a district comprise a separate central
 5 committee.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to
 7 the election for the members of the Montgomery County Republican and Democratic
 8 Party Central ~~Committee~~ committees that is held at the primary election on
 9 September 14, 2010.

10 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 11 June 1, 2010.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.